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The present invention provides an isolated mammalian receptor which specifically binds a high density lipoprotein holoparticle, comprising a subunit of approximately 450-600 kDa molecular weight and one or more subunits selected from the group consisting of a subunit of approximately 40-50 kDa molecular weight, a subunit of approximately 120 kDa molecular weight and a subunit of approximately 400 kDa molecular weight. In addition, the present invention provides a method of screening a substance for the ability to modulate the HDL holoparticle binding and/or internalization activity of the receptor of this invention, comprising: a) contacting the substance with a cell producing a functional HDL receptor; and b) assaying the cell for a modulation of the HDL holoparticle binding and/or internalization activity of the receptor, whereby a modulation of the HDL holoparticle binding and/or internalization activity of the receptor identifies a substance with the ability to modulate the HDL holoparticle binding and/or internalization activity of the HDL receptor.--